

Dear Honorable Co-chairs Senator Maroney and Representative D'Agostino and distinguished members of the General Law committee,

My name is Max Coretto and I am writing asking you to support HB5146, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUPERMARKET FOOD DONATION PROGRAM.

This bill establishes a supermarket food donation program which, in one bill, addresses both food insecurity and food waste. Connecticut is one of the 10 states with the most food deserts in the country, and many people in the state are struggling to pay grocery bills during the pandemic and continued price increases levied by major corporations. In addition, food waste leads to increased landfill usage and increased emissions from landfills and trash management. Addressing both food insecurity and food waste is critical for the most vulnerable in Connecticut as well as helping our environment. I am extremely supportive of this program as it does a good job of reducing inefficiencies in the food market in the state, and allowing the food market in Connecticut to provide for all residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I hope you will support HB5146

Sincerely,

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